

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 2 of the Second Extraordinary Session

By Haile

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Goodlettsville All-Stars Little League baseball team.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, baseball is America's favorite pastime, and every year, with the crack of the bat and the pop of the mitt, the baseball season begins anew with every team's hope of winning a championship; and

WHEREAS, the members of the 2016 Goodlettsville All-Stars Little League baseball team have proven themselves to be the ablest of competitors and, as such, deserving of the highest regard; and

WHEREAS, proudly sporting the brilliant robin's egg blue and black uniforms with "Southeast" emblazoned across the fronts of the jerseys and carrying with them the pride and joy of an entire state, the Goodlettsville All-Stars took to the field for their first game of the Little League World Series played in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, on August 18, 2016; and

WHEREAS, after triumphing over the Northwest Region champions from Bend, Oregon, the Goodlettsville team fell to Mid-Atlantic Region champions, Maine-Endwell, New York, on August 22nd; and

WHEREAS, the All-Stars proved their staying power in the next two games in the Series, handily defeating both the West and Midwest Region teams; and

WHEREAS, as the 2016 Tennessee and Southeast Region champions, Goodlettsville proved yet again that they belonged in the United States Little League Championship game by

defeating the Great Lakes Region champions from Bowling Green, Kentucky, by a score of 8-4 in the U.S. elimination bracket final of the Little League World Series; and

WHEREAS, the Goodlettsville All-Stars faced Maine-Endwell yet again in the United States Championship game; despite their valiant efforts, the All-Stars fell by a 4-2 margin in the rematch with the New York team on August 27th; and

WHEREAS, in the consolation game against Panama, Goodlettsville suffered a 3-2 loss to finish fourth overall and as United States runner-up in the tournament; and

WHEREAS, although the Goodlettsville All-Stars did not win the World Series Championship game, their successful performance in the Little League World Series united their community and this State, and the joy with which they played each and every game inspired many throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the players on the Goodlettsville All-Stars team are: Easton Dillard (No. 2), Carson Rucker (No. 3), R.J. Moore (No. 4), Isaiah Page (No. 5), Ethan Jackson (No. 6), John Henry Knotts (No. 7), Robert Carroll (No. 8), Ryan Oden (No. 10), Tanner Jones (No. 12), Tyler Jones (No. 13), Brock Duffer (No. 14), Jon Luke Simmons (No. 18), and Zach McWilliams (No. 19); and

WHEREAS, the All-Stars are very thankful for the hard work and dedication of the team's head coach and team manager, Joey Hale, and coaches, Kip Brown and Jeremy Jones, who shared with these young men their knowledge of baseball, their years of coaching and athletic experience, and their passion for the sport of baseball; and

WHEREAS, the members of the 2016 Goodlettsville All-Stars baseball team have represented their community and the State of Tennessee in fine fashion, displaying peerless character both on and off the field; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the 2016 Goodlettsville All-Star Little League baseball team; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the members of the 2016 Goodlettsville All-Stars Little League baseball team for capturing the State and Regional championships, applaud the players' stellar and inspirational performance at the Little League World Series, and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.